

## Senate Resolution 108 - Introduced

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 108

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1 A Resolution celebrating the installation of a statue  
2 of Norman Borlaug in our nation's Capitol and  
3 recognizing March 25, 2014, as National Agriculture  
4 Day in the United States.

5 WHEREAS, Norman Borlaug was born on March 25, 1914,  
6 on a farm in Howard County, and attended kindergarten  
7 through 8th grade in a one-room school house and then  
8 was a star wrestler at Cresco High School; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Borlaug was a distinguished graduate of  
10 a United States land-grant university and served on the  
11 faculty of another land-grant university, and as such  
12 reflects the great achievements of that superb national  
13 educational system; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Borlaug, a 1970 Nobel Peace Prize  
15 Laureate, the World Food Prize founder, and the "Father  
16 of the Green Revolution" saved an estimated one billion  
17 lives with his advances in wheat science; and

18 WHEREAS, among his numerous awards and accolades Dr.  
19 Borlaug was awarded both the United States Presidential  
20 Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal,  
21 America's highest civilian honors, for his prodigious  
22 accomplishments in fighting hunger; and

23 WHEREAS, as each state is allowed two statues of  
24 notable citizens to be displayed in the United States  
25 Capitol's Statuary Hall, the Iowa General Assembly in  
26 2011 authorized the commission of a statue honoring Dr.  
27 Borlaug; and

28 WHEREAS, in March 2011, the Iowa General Assembly

1 unanimously passed, and the Governor signed, a  
2 resolution placing a statue of Dr. Borlaug in the  
3 United States Capitol in Washington, D.C., and the  
4 Governor then appointed a committee to raise the funds  
5 to commission an artist to create such a statue; and

6 WHEREAS, donations from generous benefactors have  
7 covered all expenses in creating and transporting the  
8 statue; and

9 WHEREAS, March 25, 2014, is National Agriculture Day  
10 throughout the United States and the 100th anniversary  
11 of Dr. Borlaug's birth; and

12 WHEREAS, the bronze statue of Dr. Borlaug will be  
13 unveiled at the U.S. Capitol on March 25, 2014, as one  
14 of two statues that represent the state of Iowa in  
15 Statuary Hall; NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
17 recognizes March 25, 2014, as National Agriculture Day  
18 in the United States and celebrates the life's work and  
19 memory of Dr. Norman Borlaug, soon to be memorialized  
20 by a statue in our nation's Capitol.